

PROJECT FACT SHEET
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PROJECT: Great Lakes Fisheries and Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER) Program

DESCRIPTION: Congress has found that the Great Lakes comprise a nationally and internationally significant fishery and ecosystem, one that should be developed and enhanced in a coordinated manner. This program enables the Corps to utilize its planning, design, and construction expertise for projects to restore the Great Lakes fishery and ecosystem. Development of a support plan, which defines how the program will be implemented, involved cooperation with basin-wide representatives from natural resource agencies and tribal authorities. A wide range of environmental projects could be executed under this program, including erosion and sedimentation control, riparian habitat and wetland restoration, dam removal to reestablish free flowing tributaries, construction of fish passage over existing structures, improving spawning and nursery habitat, and construction of facilities to preserve historic fish stocks. Basin-wide, fishery and natural resource interests have a strong interest in this program to help eliminate and control non-indigenous species introductions, a major threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Upton (R) MI-6, MI, Stupak (D) MI-1, Hoekstra (R) MI-2; MI Senators Levin (D) and Stabenow (D). Obey (D) WI-7, WI Senators Feingold (D) and Kohl (D). Visclosky (D) IN-1; IN Senators Bayh (D) and Lugar (R). Kaptur (D) OH-9; OH Senator Voinovich. Lipinski (D) IL-3

LOCATION MAP & PICTURE:



NON- FEDERAL PROJECT SPONSOR: The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is the non-Federal sponsor for the development of the Support/implementation Plan. State and local agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to sponsor individual projects.

PROJECT AUTHORITY: Section 506 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

FUNDING:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Funds allocated prior to FY04	\$ 406,000	\$ 264,000	\$ 142,000
Funds allocated in FY04 (Support Plan)	\$ 55,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 19,000
Funds allocated in FY04 (Projects)	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 0
FY05 Budget	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Funds that could be used in FY05	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$ 0

STATUS: Support Plan is under review at this time. Individual projects will begin in FY04. FY05 Funds would be used to continue and initiate individual projects.

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